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TITLE: Prevention Issues for People Living with HIV: An Overview

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ISSUE: The design and delivery of HIV prevention interventions in the United States have focused largely on efforts to encourage selfprotective behavior changes among people who are uninfected; primary prevention messages and interventions targeted to HIV+ people have been relatively infrequent and less prioritized. As a result, relatively little has been published or disseminated about efforts to reach HIV+ people as part of prevention efforts.

SETTING: United States

PROJECT: This session will present an overview of several key issues in HIV prevention for people with HIV. A.) A review of published literature documenting the degree of HIV risk behavior among people with HIV, B.) A review of published studies outlining interventions that have been used to reach people with HIV, C.) An analysis of how community planning groups around the country has prioritized HIV+ people in their comprehensive plans, and D.) A framework for application of existing prevention interventions with other populations to the needs of people living with HIV.

RESULTS: Preliminary literature review has identified only a handful of studies in these areas. We are currently undertaking a more comprehensive literature review which will be completed by the early summer of 1999 and which will serve as the basis for this session.

LESSONS LEARNED: The paucity of literature in this area suggests the need for greater research, intervention and policy focus in this important area. This session will identify potential directions for these efforts.

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